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SUBJECT: SALT -- DRAFTING GROUP MEETING, MARCH 24, 1975  
(SALT TWO-575)

1. IN THREE-HOUR SESSION MARCH 24 DRAFTING GROUP (KLOSSON, EARLE, GRAHAM, ZEMACH FOR THE US; KARPOV, SMOLIN, TERENTIEV, KRUTSKIKH, AND CHURKIN FOR THE USSR) DISCUSSED PREAMBLES, US ARTICLES I, III.2 AND SOVIET ARTICLES I, VI.

2. KLOSSON REQUESTED RESPONSE TO US MARCH 20 STATEMENT THAT PREAMBULAR MENTION OF OCTOBER 1977 EXPIRATION OF IA DOES NOT PREJUDICE POSITION OF EITHER SIDE ON SUBSTANTIVE ARTICLES. KARPOV STATED THAT NO PROVISION IN THE PREAMBLE COULD PREJUDICE THE NATURE OF RESULT OF OUR DISCUSSION OF OTHER PROVISIONS.

3. THERE WAS AN EXTENDED, INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF US PROPOSED PREAMBULAR PHRASE ON STRATEGIC STABILITY AND SOVIET ALTERNATIVE REFERRING TO STRENGTHENING "STABILITY OF THE STRATEGIC SITUATION." KARPOV ASSERTED THAT STRATEGIC STABILITY WAS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND. EARL REVIEWED

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MEANING OF STRATEGIC STABILITY, INCLUDING GENERAL DISCUSSION

OF CRISIS STABILITY AND ARMS-RACE STABILITY ASPECTS, BUT KARPOV REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE VALIDITY OF CONCEPT.

4. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT FINAL DECISIONS ON ARTICLE I WOULD BE DEFERRED PENDING THE RESULTS OF NEGOTIATION OF SUBSEQUENT ARTICLES.

5. REGARDING US ARTICLE III.2, TERENTIEV ASKED WHY US HAD INCLUDED ICBM LAUNCHERS "UNDER CONSTRUCTION." KLOSSON ANSWERED THAT IT COVERED THE POSSIBILITY THAT ICBM LAUNCHERS WHOSE CONTRUCTION BEGAN PRIOR TO THE IA CUTOFF DATE OF JULY 1, 1972 MIGHT STILL BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION WHEN NEW AGREEMENT ENTERS INTO FORCE.

6. IN ANSWER TO A SECOND TERENTIEV QUESTION, US EXPLAINED THAT US LANGUAGE COUNTING BOMBERS REFERS TO WHEN BOMBER FIRST BROUGHT OUT OF FINAL ASSEMBLY FACTORY RATHER THAN WHEN BOMBER DEPARTS AIRFIELD OF THE ASSEMBLY FACTORY.

7. TERENTIEV ALSO ASKED HOW US DRAFT WOULD TREAT QUESTION OF REMOVING A DELIVERY SYSTEM FROM AN AGGREGATE COUNT IF IT CEASED TO BE OPERATIONAL. US SIDE SUGGESTED THAT THIS IS ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF BY THE PROVISION THAT DESTRUCTION AND DISMANTLING SHALL BE DONE UNDER AGREED SCC PRODEURES. IF THE SOVIET WISH TO SUGGEST THAT AN EXPLICIT PROVISION IS NEEDED TO ASSURE THAT AFTER DESTRUCTION OR DISMANTLING OF A SYSTEM IS CARRIED OUT UNDER SCC PROCEDURES, IT WILL NO LONGER BE COUNTED IN THE AGGREGATE, THE US IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER THIS APPROACH. THE POINT ALSO EMERGED THAT NEIGHER DRAFT PROVIDES FOR DELETION FROM THE AGGREGATE OF A WEAPON DESTROYED THROUGH OTHER THAN AGREED PROCEDURES (E.G. BOMBER CRASH).

8. ANOTHER TERENTIEV QUESTION SUGGESTED THAT IN US III.2(A), IT WAS INCONSISTENT TO COVER ICBM LAUNCHERS THAT ARE "OPERATIONAL", BUT OMIT REFERENCE TO OTHER SYSTEMS IN OPERATIONAL STATEUS. KLOSSON RESPONDED THAT WE WILL RETURN TO THIS QUESTION.

9. GROUP ALSO DISCUSSED HOW TO RECONCILE SOVIET ARTICLE VI AND US ARTICLE III.3 USAGES OF THE TERMS RESERVE, STORAGE, MOTH-BALLED, ETC.

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10. NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1975. JOHNSON

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